

WHITMAN GETS O'GORMAN'S AID

Senator to Corroborate Sulzer Story of Murphy's "Bagman."

CONFERS TWO HOURS

District Attorney and O'Gorman Go Over Doe Inquiry Testimony.

GAFFNEY AGAIN NAMED

Witnesses Tell of Paying More Than \$40,000 for Another Contract.

District Attorney Whitman and Senator James A. O'Gorman conferred for two hours yesterday. It is believed that the District Attorney received assurances that the sworn testimony of William Sulzer before the Grand Jury will be corroborated by Senator O'Gorman.

Mr. Sulzer will be recalled to correct his testimony as to a meeting between Senator O'Gorman and Charles F. Murphy. The meeting described to Mr. Sulzer by Senator O'Gorman was a meeting between James C. Stewart and Charles F. Murphy. Except for this detail the account of the meeting given by Sulzer will be corroborated.

Tammany men realize that the substantiation of Sulzer's story will shake the organization to its foundations and compel the ousting of those responsible for the conditions brought to light through the John Doe inquiry.

James E. Gaffney was accused before the Grand Jury of accepting \$41,250 from an aqueduct contractor.

Suffolk county contractors yesterday declared their innocence and asserted they had had a raw deal from the investigators.

It was announced that James W. Osborne would resume his graft inquiry in Albany on Tuesday.

O'GORMAN SEES WHITMAN.

Senator Confers Two Hours With District Attorney in Doe Inquiry.

District Attorney Whitman and United States Senator James A. O'Gorman conferred for two hours yesterday on the situation that has been presented through the sworn testimony of former Gov. William Sulzer as to the results that followed immediately upon the attempt of a man named Gaffney to hold up James C. Stewart for \$150,000 while Stewart's bids on canal work were pending before the Canal Board.

Mr. Sulzer testified that at luncheon in Washington Senator O'Gorman told him that after the attempted holdup of Stewart the Senator went to Charles F. Murphy and warned him that he would have to stop Gaffney or he would expose the Tammany chief and that when Murphy said he knew nothing about it the Senator told him he knew Gaffney would not have gone to Stewart unless Murphy had sent him.

Sulzer swore that this conversation centered about the Governor's refusal to appoint James E. Gaffney Commissioner of Highways and that it followed the Senator's query as to whether or not Sulzer did not know that Gaffney was Murphy's "bagman."

Stewart to Be Recalled.

James C. Stewart will be recalled as a witness before Chief Magistrate McAdoo next Wednesday. He will be asked if it is not true that he knows James E. Gaffney very well and an opportunity will be given to him to change his previous testimony, which was to the effect that he had never even met James E. Gaffney.

Likewise he will be asked if after the attempt to get \$150,000 from him he did not go personally to Charles F. Murphy and tell him that he must "call off" Gaffney, that unless the Tammany chief did he would expose him and that Murphy need not try to "sidestep" because he knew that Gaffney would not have approached him unless Mr. Murphy had sent him.

Mr. Sulzer will then be recalled. He has already said that his memory has been refreshed as to certain matters and that he is now prepared to supplement his first story. The deposed Governor will be asked to describe again his meeting with Senator O'Gorman in Washington. He will be asked whether or not the Senator in telling him why he knew Gaffney to be Murphy's "bagman" did not say that he knew it because Stewart had been approached and because Stewart had come to Murphy himself and told him he must "call off" Gaffney.

The point which the District Attorney will try to make is that Mr. Sulzer unconsciously picked up the words of Stewart as those of the Senator. If he can establish the fact that there was no meeting between Senator O'Gorman and Mr. Murphy but that there was a very lively meeting between Mr. Stewart and Mr. Murphy he will have advanced considerably in clearing up the situation. Mr. Murphy has said that he was not seen by Senator O'Gorman between the time of Sulzer's election and the inauguration of President Wilson.

O'Gorman Wants Corrections.

When the District Attorney is through with Stewart and Sulzer it is his intention to call Senator O'Gorman in the hope that he will be able to corroborate them. It is believed that the Senator assured the District Attorney that he would do as it is certain confusions or unconscious errors in Mr. Sulzer's story were corrected. It is realized that the value of Mr. Sulzer's testimony so far as the proving of indictments is concerned depends largely upon what Senator O'Gorman says. For this reason he will not be called until Mr. Sulzer has told all he knows and until the documentary proofs are in.

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LONDON FACES BIG STRIKE

200,000 Workmen May Either Quit or Be Locked Out.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Jan. 23.—Unless some concessions are made in the meantime there will be 150,000 to 200,000 workmen in London idle by the beginning of next week. Already 8,000 coal porters and 2,000 carmen have struck, and the latter's union, which has a membership of 50,000, threatens to inaugurate a sympathetic strike. There will be a lock-out of 100,000 men in the building trades to-morrow unless they sign an undertaking to work with non-unionists.

The price of coal is advancing and the very poor people have the greatest difficulty in obtaining their supplies. The weather is very cold. The coal porters' union forfeited public sympathy to-day by refusing to carry coal to the hospitals, although up to the present they have not interfered with the hospital authorities carting the coal themselves.

HAS RUDDERLESS AEROPLANE.

Machine Invented by British Officer to Be Tried Out Here.

MARLBOROUGH, Mass., Jan. 23.—A new type of hydroaeroplane, the invention of Lieut. Dunn of the British army, which has no tail or rudder and has wings shaped like a V, will have its initial trial in the harbor here next week. It was launched at the factory of W. Starling Burgess and Glenn Curtiss to-day. It is entirely different from any aeroplane that has yet been built in this country. It is equipped with a 100 horse-power Curtiss motor and is expected to develop a speed of sixty miles an hour.

25 STARVING CATS EAT OUT A BUTCHER STORE

Police Say Rival Dealer Threw Them Through Transom—No Arrests.

Policeman James Kenny, trudging along James street at 10 o'clock last night, heard horrendous sounds coming from the market of the Brighton Beef Company at No. 72. A hundred drunken burglars couldn't have made more noise.

Kenny, remembering that a bomb went off in front of this same market six months ago and blew the store front to pieces, blew his whistle and thumped his night stick for assistance. Seven other policemen came running.

They stole up to the door with pistols pointed. They lunged together and burst in. Twenty-five cats fled at their approach. The cats were of all sizes and colors. They had eaten every scrap of meat in the market—chicken and beef and everything else, and were fighting over the bones.

The eight policemen pocketed their pistols but swung their clubs. They also said "Scat!" and the cats ran into the street and scurried through the East Side with great news for their tribe. There were no arrests.

The police suspected that some rival butcher had collected the cats, starved them and thrown them through the transom of the Brighton Beef Company's store.

OHIO FIRM TO SHARE PROFITS.

Each Employee Will Get Amount Equal to Three Months Pay.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Jan. 23.—P. J. Thompson, general manager of the Stambaugh-Thompson Company, wholesale hardware dealers, announced to-day that his firm had adopted a profit sharing plan similar to the one put into effect by Henry Ford of the Ford Motor Car Company, Detroit.

The company will divide half of its last year's profits with its employees, which means that each worker will receive an amount equal to three months extra pay. One hundred employees, including about twenty women and girls, will benefit.

POLICE CLEAR THE GARDEN.

Reserves Oust 15,000 From Drug Show When Safety Is Endangered.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, where the Chemical and Drug Exposition and Congress is being held, was cleared last night by the police reserves when the crush in the aisles became so great that the officers of the Fire Prevention Bureau feared loss of life would result in case of fire or accident. It was estimated that more than 15,000 persons were on the main floor, and 6,000 seeking to get into the building when the clearing order came.

The exposition was scheduled to be open until 11 o'clock at night. At 7:30 o'clock last night the Garden was filled to capacity. The size of the crowd was due to the fact that each person admitted was entitled to 50 cents worth of toilet articles.

HONEYMOON HOUSE GONE AGAIN.

Young Husband Has Two Fires on Same Site in a Year.

HARRISON, N. J., Jan. 23.—George Hahnen of 42 Sunset avenue, North Arlington, has had two homes on the same site burned within a year. He and his wife returned home from the theatre early this morning to find that the second home, which cost about \$10,000, was gone. Mr. Hahnen has been married less than a year. This time last year he brought his fiancée out one afternoon to see the fine home he had prepared for her after the marriage. While the couple were on their way to the house it was burning and it was a total wreck when they arrived.

The first fire did not delay the marriage, but he took his bride to live in a tent on the site while the second home was being built. It was finished two days ago and they moved in.

Mr. Hahnen is not daunted by the two fires. He says he will build a third home on the same site.

CUBA, FLORIDA, CHARLESTON, AUGUSTA

and Trains Daily. All Steel, Electric Light and Pullman. Atlantic Coast Line, 123 Nassau St.

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WARREN-SURREY IS HERE WITH "TITLE"

His Right to "Dukedom" Is Disputed by Foe of Fortune Hunters.

WAS HERE 14 YEARS AGO

Then, Says Owen, He Frankly Admitted He Sought Girl With Cash.

A few days ago, on January 10 to be exact, several morning papers chronicled the arrival here on the French liner Providence of "Duke Warren-Surrey." To the ship news reporters and others who interviewed him the "Duke"—quotation marks are used in view of the fact that his title is not mentioned in the lists where such matters are recorded—said the title was a Papal honor conferred by Pope Leo XIII, and that he was related to the Duke of Norfolk.

He also said he was "heart whole and fancy free" and "perfectly willing to fall in love with one of your charming American girls."

Mr. Cuffie Owen, who has been instrumental in exposing the pretensions of several fortune hunters who paraded false titles as part of their equipment when coming to this country, recalled "the Duke of Warren-Surrey" and in an interview gave The Sun some interesting information concerning that person.

Attempts to find Mr. Rene Francois Joseph de Warren in order to see what reply he might care to make to Mr. Owen's charges were unsuccessful yesterday. At the hotel where he is staying it was said that "the Duke of Warren-Surrey" was out and that even were he at home he would not be interviewed unless Mrs. Emil A. Springer were there to act as interpreter.

Owen Disputes "Duke's" Title.

This is what Mr. Owen told The Sun concerning Rene Francois Joseph's past performances and claims:

"If I call attention to the matter it is because this person has arrived by the French liner Providence in New York and is putting up at the Gotham, attracting notice by his extraordinary clothes, his odd manner and utterances and his ringed hair. He proposes subsequently to honor Washington, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston and other big cities of the United States, also Canada, with his presence. He was over here in 1900 with the publicly expressed purpose of finding some rich woman, preferably of the Catholic Church, willing to become his wife."

"He is still unmarried, and presumably his present trip to America has the same matrimonial object in view since he has admitted in interviews that he would not be disinclined to wed a rich American woman."

"It may, therefore, be of interest to furnish some information concerning the dual title which he uses and which he proposes to share with some fair daughter of Uncle Sam. He claims to be, as he did just fourteen years ago, that the dukedom was bestowed upon him by the Vatican on June 27, 1900, in a brief issued by the late Cardinal Macchi. But I have before me an official list, bearing the date of 1912, of all the papal titles of nobility granted during the past century, and the dukedom of Warren-Surrey does not figure among them."

"I have also a French standard work here of titles of nobility granted by the Vatican to French citizens, divided into two parts, one containing the names of those whose papal titles have been registered by the Keeper of the Great Seal at Paris and are authorized to be officially borne in France, while the other part is devoted to those Frenchmen possessing nobiliary dignities obtained from the Vatican and which, not having been registered, cannot lawfully be used in France. In neither of these lists does the dukedom of Warren-Surrey occur."

Search Fails in England Too.

"It is hardly necessary for me to add that the dukedom of Warren-Surrey does not occur in the English peerage. There is an earldom of Surrey, but it belongs to the Duke of Norfolk and is borne by his son and heir. The soi-disant Duke of Warren-Surrey does not figure in any official list of titles or in any of the standard works of reference of any country of Europe; least of all in the Almanach de Gotha."

"With regard to the patent of dukedom bearing the signature of the late Cardinal Macchi, I recall that when the 'Duke' was here fourteen years ago and produced the patent in question references were made from here to the late Cardinal Rampolla, then Secretary of State, who sent a reply that there was no record of any such dukedom having been granted by the Vatican."

"The 'Duke' when asked to explain this intimated that he had obtained the patent from one of the minor officials of the Papal Legation in Paris and that if the Cardinal Secretary of State asserted that he had not had the money for the patent, was probably because he had not paid the requisite fees and dues of registration. Indeed, he intimated to me at the time, at my house when he called upon me, that he had not had the money for the patent, and that one of the reasons why he wished to obtain a rich wife in America was in order to pay these fees, or rather to take up the notes which he had given in lieu of cash."

"In view of the fact that the title has not been registered yet, it may be presumed that he has not until now succeeded in paying the registration dues, and that his title is therefore invalid."

"Duke" Gets Quick Snub.

"Let me add that although a Frenchman, and making his home in Paris, he does not belong to any reputable Parisian club. When he was over here last, and called upon me in New York, he claimed to know intimately several prominent members of the old French and Austrian aristocracy. One of them, with whom he declared himself to be particularly intimate, and to whom indeed he professed to be related, happened to be lunching that

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MISS DAVIS FEARS MUTINY.

She Arms Blackwell's Island Keepers With Clubs.

Miss Katherine Hement Davis, Commissioner of Corrections, is afraid that the prisoners in the Blackwell's Island penitentiary may mutiny and has ordered the keepers to carry their clubs at all times, but not to use them except in case of an emergency.

Miss Davis said that the keepers have been taunted and scoffed by prisoners ever since they learned that the conditions in the penitentiary were being investigated by District Attorney Whitman. She visited the Island yesterday and gave the order to carry clubs because of the knowledge she gained of the unrest and insubordination of the prisoners.

Ten new solitary confinement cells will be completed in February, and Miss Davis says they will be used then to tame the most unruly of the prisoners. They will take the place of the dark cells that existed under the previous administration.

MANFIELD'S SON OFF TO PARIS ON 50 CENTS

Noted Actor's Heir Runs Away From School to See His Mother in France.

HARRISON, N. C., Jan. 23.—Failing to borrow the \$2 necessary to carry him from Charlotte's school in Wallingford, Conn., back to New York, the Mansfield son of the late Richard Mansfield, has abandoned that institution and set out to visit his mother—who is in Paris—with 50 cents for the journey.

The fourteen-year-old son of the tragedian is now a wanderer, according to advices from Connecticut to-night. He left Charlotte's two weeks ago, after writing letters vigorously attacking the school and its management and declaring that his last friend had turned traitor to him.

The Wallingford people believe that Mansfield is in New York, but it is possible that he may have come South and taken a cattle or cotton steamer to England. He told boys at the school that he had but 50 cents and wanted money enough to make his way to New York.

He refused to lend it to him for such a purpose, and he was detected in collusion with the officials whose discipline is said to have displeased the eccentric youth.

Persons interested in helping the Connecticut educators have learned nothing about the boy's adventures since he left Charlotte's. He is far under size, still wears knee trousers and does not look 14 years. It is reported here that he tried to sail from New York, but failed.

FIVE HURT IN AUTO CRASH.

Pinned Under Machine When It Goes Down Embankment.

Five persons, three of them women, were injured last night when the automobile of Paul Morante, a contractor, went down an embankment on Pelham Parkway at White Plains road. The occupants of the car were pinned under it. They were taken to the Fordham Hospital.

The party consisted of Morante, whose office is at 2 Wall street, Manhattan; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dunbar of 1824 street and Boston road; Mrs. John P. Tappin, wife of the police captain at the Greenwich station, and Emma Lowe, 25 years old, of 1824 street and Boston road. They had left Hunter's Island Inn just prior to the accident.

The most seriously injured was Mrs. Tappin. It is feared her spine is broken and that she will not live. Miss Lowe suffered internal injuries and a broken collarbone. Mr. Dunbar was also hurt internally. The injuries of the others were slight.

Patrolman Scarlet saw the overturned machine and helped the occupants from under it. He then summoned an ambulance in which were Drs. Muth and Albert.

A TALE YOUR BLOOD TO FREEZE.

Might Be Told If This Poet Could Speak Manhattans.

Amphitrite, sea witch, beckoned to the Danish laureate, and he took the Oscar II. for those shores, and came in late, as the liner found gigantic combers on the northern track, wildly churning the Atlantic, sending spray above her stack. Laureate Lauritz Christian Nielsen, rhythmic, roving, pensive Dane, could he tell the truck from keelson, tumbling over the raging main?

Climbing up a mountain billow engines of the liner flew; every head upon a pillar like a clock. What a praise? Ship nose board engine stopped vibrating, starboard cylinder had cracked, smashed connecting rods grating nerves of poet sadly racked. Starboard engine disconnected, liner went on two knots short, and by ship nose was detected last night "limping into port."

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\$5,480 PAINTING FOR \$140.

Slump in Prices Paid for Popular Victorian Artists' Works.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Jan. 23.—There was a slump in the prices paid for the works of popular Victorian painters in a sale of art works at Christie's to-day. Linell's "Eve of the Deluge," which brought \$5,480 in 1872, sold to-day for \$140. Macle's "Sleep of Duncan," which fetched \$4,200 some years ago, went for \$25 to-day, and H. S. Marks' "St. Francis," which brought \$5,775 years ago, went for \$250 to-day.

\$10,000 FIRE ON ASTOR ESTATE.

Several Violet Houses at Rhinebeck Are Destroyed.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Jan. 23.—A large dwelling and a number of elaborate violet houses on the Forcible estate of Vincent Astor at Rhinebeck were destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is estimated at more than \$10,000. Despite the efforts of the village fire department and residents of the village the flames spread rapidly and consumed the entire structures.

The fire is believed to be the work of incendiaries.

PAISH SEES A LONG CHEAP MONEY PERIOD

Editor of the "Statist" Says Trade Decline Is Being Felt in Europe.

EXPECTS RECOVERY IN U. S.

Tariff Reduction and Currency Act to Benefit Business, He Asserts.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Jan. 23.—Sir George Paish, reviewing the financial and commercial situation in the "Statist" this week, predicts a long period of cheap money (unforeseen happenings apart) which will become more abundant and cheaper as the year advances. He recognizes that trade is falling, but says that the decline is less in Great Britain than in European countries, which are suffering from the influence of the Balkan war.

Sir George thinks that there are grounds for hoping that British manufacturers will be well employed for some time to come. France, he says, will benefit from the loans which she is about to issue and which are likely to bring her numerous new orders. As a result she will suffer less than other countries from declining trade. The same may be said to a certain extent of Germany.

"In the United States," says Sir George, "we expect a recovery rather than a decline, for the reduction of the tariff and the new banking and currency act are calculated to benefit trade. When the first difficulties of the reduction of the tariff are overcome American manufacturers will be able to compete with foreigners much better than formerly, while the new banking law ought to give a great stimulus to foreign trade in every direction. We anticipate, therefore, considerable steadiness of trade in the United States, assuming that the crops will be good."

Contingent on the absence of unforeseen and disturbing events, Sir George predicts that a general and steady advance will be secured by stocks throughout the year. British securities will be in higher favor than since the outbreak of the Boer war. Consols and other gilt edged securities will continue to advance. American securities will also be more sought after. Sir George goes on to say:

"There is every reason to anticipate that there will be no antagonism between the great American railroads and the Administration. President Wilson has won the confidence of all classes, and no one doubts that even if he makes mistakes he is at all events aiming at what is best for the country. That being so, a better understanding is almost certain to grow up between the Administration and the capitalist classes. If it does, American securities will again come into favor."

FIRE AT MARTHA WASHINGTON.

Blaze in Chimney Flue Arouses 200 Women Guests.

The 200 women guests in the Martha Washington hotel, at 50 East Thirtieth street, were aroused late last night by firemen who crowded into the hotel to answer an alarm.

It was found that a pan of grease had been overturned on the range in the cellar kitchen and that fire had spread up the chimney flue to the roof.

While the women, in various stages of undress, ranged the corridors the firemen went to the roof and put out the fire by pouring ashes and chemicals down the flue.

BOY'S EYE VALUED AT \$8,500.

Lost Gets Verdict for Loss Due to Dynamite Explosion.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—A value of \$8,500 was placed on a boy's eye by a jury here to-day. That amount was awarded to thirteen-year-old William Grabovsky and his father in a damage suit against the Worth Brothers Company, operators of a large iron foundry in Coatesville.

The boy lost the sight of his left eye in an explosion of dynamite.

WILSON BLOCKS SPOILSMEN.

He Keeps Assistant Postmasters in Civil Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—President Wilson has blocked the grab by which 2,400 assistant postmasters were to be removed from the operation of the civil service law. Failure to include this blow at the civil service system in the post office appropriation bill is attributed entirely to Executive pressure surely but silently applied.

Executive disapproval scared the spoilsmen among the Democrats out of their intention to have a special rule passed relieving this section of the bill from the operation of the standing rules of the House against new legislation.

When the section was reached in the consideration of the bill to-day several points of order were made against it. The bill is now ready for passage and the final vote will be taken to-morrow morning. There is no danger that the \$25,000,000 good roads grab bill will be attached to the post office bill. Efforts to obtain a rule on this were also fruitless on account of Executive pressure.

TAKES HIMSELF TO JAIL.

Prisoner, Put on Car by Officer, Surrenders to Warden.

SUMMIT, N. J., Jan. 23.—The record for most prisoners in this section was broken here to-day when an officer placed a man on a trolley car, gave him his fare and told him to get off at the county jail in Elizabeth and tell the warden he had been committed for twenty days in default of a fine of \$5.

Michael Hanlon of Chocoma avenue, charged with being disorderly, did as he was told by Patrolman Daniel J. McNamara and arrived at the jail and presented himself for admission.

FRENCH SUBMARINE IN CRASH.

The Colub Hints Harge at Toulon. Narrowly Escaping Sinking.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. TOULON, Jan. 23.—The submarine Colub had a narrow escape from disaster this afternoon. Her periscope hit a 2,000 ton barge which was emptying some refuse in 100 feet of water.

The Colub commenced tilting at a dangerous angle and seemed about to sink. Her commander, however, acted quickly. He ordered full speed ahead and was able to clear the barge. The submarine then came to the surface in clear water.

The crew emptied the tanks and the vessel entered the port, where thousands had thought her lost.

The Colub is of a class of thirty-eight boats of from 398 to 550 tons. She is 168 feet long and has a surface speed of twelve knots, with a submerged speed of seven and a half knots. She has a radius of 2,000 miles on the surface.

"ARIZONA" EARNED \$357,107.

Suit Discloses Receipts of Play in Five Years.

A referee's report filed in the Supreme Court yesterday on an accounting by Hollis E. Cooley, who managed the play "Arizona" between 1904 and 1909 for a committee of the creditors of Melville B. Raymond, who had the producing rights, showed that the play took in \$357,107 in that time.

Cooley claimed he was entitled to \$100 a week part of the time and to \$200 a week when two companies were presenting the play, but the referee found he should get only \$75 a week and ordered him to turn over \$4,264 to the Raymond creditors.

LINER ST. PAUL DAMAGED.

Steamer Unable to Control Herself After Heavy Gales.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PLUMSOUTH, Jan. 23.—The American liner St. Paul, which sailed from New York on January 16, on sighting this port to-day signalled that she was not under control, her steering gear having been disarranged. The captain reports that the vessel experienced heavy gales for the first four days of the trip across.

JULIA MARLOWE STANDS TRIP.

Actress in No Need of Immediate Operation, Doctor Says.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Julia Marlowe, the actress, was whisked through Chicago this morning in a special car on her journey from Los Angeles to New York to receive treatment for appendicitis. Her trip will be finished at 3:30 P. M. to-morrow, when her physician, Dr. Joseph B. Hissell, will attend her.

Miss Marlowe was met here by Dr. Gustav Futterer. He reported that she had stood the trip well and there was no urgent need of an operation. Her comforts are looked after by a nurse, a maid, two other servants and a special chef. She hopes to be able soon to rejoin her husband, E. H. Sothern, on his Pacific coast tour.

SUES FOR \$6,500 TABLECLOTH.

Government Says Lace for Senator Clark Was Undervalued.

Assistant United States Attorney Addison S. Pratt began an action for the Government yesterday to confiscate an expensive lace tablecloth imported from France for ex-Senator William A. Clark of Montana. The customs authorities took it from Mr. Clark's New York mansion at Fifth avenue and Seventy-seventh street on March 29, 1913.

The Government charges that the cloth was invoiced at a value of \$1,300 when it was brought over on the French liner Savoie on December 3, 1912, whereas its actual value was \$6,500.

Mr. Pratt absolves Senator Clark of all blame in the alleged undervaluation, as he has not yet paid for the cloth and at the time of the seizure had no idea of the amount of duty that was paid on it by the customs broker.

TO CARRY KETTLE IN FIFTH AV.

Suffragists Hope to Fill It by Sale of Ball Tickets.

Fifth avenue will be invaded this afternoon by a band of white clad suffragists selling tickets for the Woman's Political Union ball to be given in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory on January 31. The suffragists will carry a kettle on a tripod to hold the proceeds of their sales.

Mrs. Calvin Tomkins and Miss Lydia Emmett will carry the tripod and in the supporting company will be Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Mrs. T. L. Chadbourne, Mrs. Lawrence Greer, Mrs. Evans H. Dick, Mrs. Marcus M. Marks, Mrs. Lewis L. Deland, Mrs. Walter Chambers and Mrs. William Floyd.

EXECUTORS SUE FOR \$535,000.

Say Woman Owes Them That Sum on Two Notes.